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P&J Workshop Offers Balm For Post-Election Blues

by Jim Link

Is there no balm in Gilead? (Jeremiah 8:22)

Well, there is balm in Greenbelt for the post-election blues if you participate in either or both workshops sponsored by the Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition (Lucy Duff, Donna Hoffmeister, Alexander Barnes, Bill Orleans), Capital Center For Nonviolent Communication and Maryland United for Peace and Justice.

An earlier workshop, Transforming Post-Election Blues last January 8, was lively, well attended and comforting. The next one, Energy For Building a World of Compassion, is on Saturday, January 21, the day after Armageddon or The Rapture, depending on your point of view. The last one, Connecting Across Differences – Post Election, is on Sunday, January 22. Both are in the Community Center from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information contact Dr. Jane Connor McMahon, certified trainer in non-violent communication, at 202-684-5974 or at janemconnor@gmail.com.

Dr. McMahon helped 20 souls, including this reporter, who braved freezing weather and sacrificed watching NFL playoffs to help cope with their post-election fears, offering strategies for nourishing resilience, adaptability and hope.

She first had us sit in a peace-making circle and enter into a silent moment of mindfulness. After reminding us of James Baldwin's words: "Not everything that is faced can be changed; but nothing can be changed until it is faced," she then asked us to share the quality we valued most in our country's ominous political moment.

A few qualities offered were clear-mindedness, humor, openness, self-preservation and compassion.

Dr. McMahon asked what strengths we brought to the group. Resilience, acceptance, organizational skill, courage, caring for others and being a good devil's advocate were some responses.

What did we fear most? One Jewish participant reminded us that Hitler also had been democratically elected. Another was worried about the ghastly inappropriateness of Trump's cabinet nominees. A third hoped she would not timidly retreat into her family, indifferent to the difficulties of her neighbors. Another feared she might lapse into lethargy and judgmentalism.

Dr. McMahon also asked: What are some good things that are happening now? What makes us feel better in this trying time? Meditation, exercise and hugging, volunteering at the New Deal Café and birdwatching were a few responses.

One participant reminded us of Winston Churchill's helpful advice: "If you're going through hell, you'd better keep going." She also stated that "at first I lost hope, but now I have purpose."

Grateful to Dr. McMahon, we left the workshop bolstered by a quote she gave us from Margaret Wheatley: "It is time to stop waiting for someone to save us. It is time to face the truth of our situation – that we're all in this together, that we all have a voice – and figure out how to mobilize the hearts and minds of everyone in our workplaces and communities."

Information Technology Firm T-Rex Comes to Greenbelt

by James Giese

T-Rex has invaded Greenbelt and was warmly welcomed by the Greenbelt City Council at its January 11 worksession. Don't be alarmed. It's not the infamous but extinct dinosaur. This T-Rex is an information technology (IT) business that has located its corporate offices and a major production center doing contract work for the U.S. Census Bureau in Greenbelt, filling vacant office space, housing contract workers in area motels and bringing jobs and tax revenue to the city. In this case, T-Rex stands for the Latin technologica rex (technology is king).

Attending the meeting were Sean Murphy, T-Rex vice-president and chief operating officer; J. Thomas Howe, principal project manager for facilities and infrastructure for the Census Technological Integrator Program; and Stephen Shaw of Shaw Real Estate.

Shaw told council that he had purchased the former Commerce Center II and III office buildings and the adjacent Bank of America building in a bank foreclosure sale a little more than a year ago.



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Entrance to one of the Commerce Center buildings leased by T-Rex

He saw the office complex, now named 7601 and 7615 Ora Glen Drive, as a great opportunity. It had been vacant since November of 2015.

Murphy and Howe had both worked for Lockheed Martin Corporation when it was doing contract work for Goddard Space

Flight Center and had worked in the Commerce Center then. Both also became somewhat familiar with the community, Murphy playing basketball at the Greenbelt Community Center and Howe taking lunchbreak walks around the city.

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Body Cameras Coming Soon To City Police Patrol Officers

by Kathleen Gallagher

Although, as covered in last week's paper, the January 9 city council meeting was largely given over to the selection of Nicole Ard as the new city manager, several other items of business were also taken care of.

Council Service

At the city's holiday luncheon in December, employees reaching five-year service milestones were recognized. Also recognized were two city councilmembers: Edward Putens and Rodney Roberts. Putens received his 35-year service pin at the event. Roberts had been unable to attend and was presented with his 25-year pin by Mayor Emmett Jordan at the meeting.

Cameras

Council voted to approve a resolution of negotiated purchase for a five-year Officer Safety Plan Package for body-worn cameras, storage and services and equipment from Taser International. The cost will be \$312,189 for the five years. A detailed account of a council worksession held with Greenbelt Police Department representatives last November to discuss the department's recommendations can be found in the December 1 issue of this paper. The resolution was introduced for first reading at

the December 12 regular council meeting.

In 2013, the police department formed a committee including officers, supervisors and members of the Fraternal Order of Police to look into the options available for implementing the use of body-worn cameras by patrol officers. Because the number of vendors providing such cameras and support services is limited and the department had specific

requirements, the committee undertook its own extensive research and comparisons with other jurisdictions, instead of pursuing a bid process. It also reviewed a substantial analysis undertaken by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG).

Several items loomed large in the decision that the Taser International plan would best meet

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PHOTO BY J DAVIS

Patrons queue to get tickets for Hidden Figures. See On Screen on page 2.

What Goes On

Monday, January 23

7 p.m. Welcome Reception for Nicole Ard, Greenbelt's New City Manager, Municipal Building

8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Tuesday, January 24

6 p.m. Advisory Committee on Education Meeting, Principals Meeting, Municipal Building

7:30 p.m. Green Aces/ Green Team Meeting, Community Center

Wednesday, January 25

7:30 p.m. Four Cities Meeting, College Park City Hall

Thursday, January 26

7 p.m. Forest Preserve Advisory Board Meeting, Municipal Building

Saturday, January 28

9 a.m. to Noon, Electronics Recycling, Public Works Yard

Greenbelt History in Photos

Construction Begins

by James Giese

(This is the 11th in a series of articles with photos depicting the early history of Greenbelt.)

An important goal of the Greenbelt project was to put people to work; the sooner the better. If Greenbelt were to be built today by a private developer, it would probably take five to 10 years to build. Greenbelt was accomplished in about three years, with Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Rexford Guy Tugwell the driving force behind the project, buying land even before Congress authorized and funded it, using other appropriated funds.

When money was allocated for the project in the fall of 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt ordered work to begin by December 15 and completed by June, 1936. The project got off to a good start with a groundbreaking ceremony on October 12, but failed the June date, with the first family not moving in until more than a year later and work extending into 1938.

A small crowd of federal officials attended the groundbreaking with George E. Allen, D.C. Administrator for the Works Progress Administration (WPA) doing the honor of taking the first shovelful (although in this photo a pick ax is being wielded). Allen also posed manning a tractor.

(Much information for this article is taken from Greenbelt, History of a New Town; 1937 -1987, Chapter 2, Constructing the New Town by Leta Mach. Photos are from the Library of Congress Greenbelt Project photo files, available on line.)



Elmer S. Johnson (holding pickax) and Arthur Rothstein at the groundbreaking are both WPA photographers.



George E. Allen, D.C. administrator of the Works Progress Administration, poses in a tractor at the groundbreaking.

Photos courtesy of Library of Congress



"Son, eat right and exercise...your rights."

At the March or the Inauguration?



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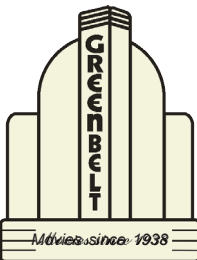
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SHOWTIMES
Jan 20 – Jan 26

HIDDEN FIGURES
(PG) (CC) (127 mins)
Fri. 3:00, 6:00 PM (guest speaker Aprille Ericsson, NASA)
Sat. 12:00, 3:00, 6:00 PM
Sun. 12:00 (OC), 3:00, 6:00 PM guest speaker Lakesha Bates, NASA)
Mon. 5:15, 8:00 PM
Tues. 5:15, 8:00 PM
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On Screen

Hidden Figures Draws Big Crowds Through Weekend

Crowds filled the Old Greenbelt Theatre on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday to see the movie Hidden Figures, theater management reported. More than 1,500 people came over the four days, creating lines that went from the theater across Roosevelt Center to the New Deal Café, prompting the theater management to appear outside to say that everyone would get inside before the film started.

The movie tells the true story of three African American women “computers” who worked on the Redstone rockets sending the first Mercury astronauts into space and John Glenn into orbit. The audience could be seen cheering as they came back out of the theater.

Theater management invited guest speakers to enhance the event. On January 13 Lakesha Bates, head of NASA Goddard’s Flight Systems Integration and Test Branch, spoke about the movie and how it relates to the space program’s current status. She said most of the movie was realistic, but there were a few moments that were “kind of Hollywood.”

Bates, who is the first female African-American branch head at Goddard, said that she knew about the story before the movie or the book because of her connections at Goddard. However, most people had never heard of the women shown in the movie.

On Saturday, Nikesha Davis, attitude control analyst, also took questions.

The theater manager said the responses for the show and the speakers were so good there will be guest speakers at the 6 p.m. shows on Friday and Sunday, January 20 and 22.

- Amy Hansen

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Community Events

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, Ext 4215.

All meals include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of January 23 are as follows:

Monday, January 23: Pepper beef steak, crispy cubed potatoes, cabbage, dinner roll, sliced apples, grape juice.

Tuesday, January 24: Chicken Marsala, whole grain penne pasta, green beans, wheat bread, fresh orange, apple juice.

Wednesday, January 25: Breaded pollock, Delmonico potatoes, spinach, wheat hamburger bun, tartar sauce, fresh fruit, orange juice.

Thursday, January 26: Sliced roast beef with gravy, mashed spiced yams, broccoli, wheat roll, sliced peaches, cranberry juice.

Friday, January 27: Turkey broccoli rice casserole, lima beans, sliced carrots, wheat bread, pineapple tidbits, apple juice.

At the Library

Events at the Greenbelt Branch Library from January 23 to January 29.

Ready 2 Read

Tuesday, January 24: Ready 2 Read Storytime: Ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 20 people.

Wednesday, January 25: Ready 2 Read Storytime: Ages 3 to 5, 10:15 a.m., limit 20 people; Ready 2 Read Storytime: Ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 20 people.

Thursday, January 26: Ready 2 Read Storytime: Ages 0 to 2, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s) or caregiver(s); Ready 2 Read Storytime: Ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 20 people.

Encourage your child to make reading a positive experience by bringing them to the library's storytimes. Each program contains a mixture of engaging activities and age-appropriate stories that support early literacy. Stop by the information desk immediately prior to each session to pick up free tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Brain STEM

Thursday, January 26, 4 p.m., ages 9 to 14. PGCMLS is excited to partner with the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) of NIH to present programs promoting neuroscience education and awareness to students in Prince George's County. Students will have the opportunity to learn about the human brain directly from NINDS staff and scientists and also take part in fun hands-on activities. Each program is based on different brain-centric topics and is recommended for students 9 to 14 years old, although all interested students and parents are welcome to attend.



Astronomical Society Meets January 26

The January meeting of the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will feature Dr. Timothy J. Stubbs, a research space scientist in the Solar System Exploration Division at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center. The meeting will be in Room 114 of the Community Center at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 26. There is no admission fee.

Stubbs has been involved with some exciting planetary missions, including the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter and the Lunar Atmosphere and Dust Environment Explorer (LADEE). His talk will be on the impact of meteoroids on the lunar environment, including something learned from the recent LADEE mission. His current research focuses on the environments of so-called airless bodies in the solar system, in particular the Moon. Stubbs has investigated processes including the electric charging of bodies (from small dust grains to large planets) in the space environment, effects of meteoroid impacts on the lunar environment, the transport of dust on the moon and the dielectric breakdown or "spark-ing" of lunar soil due to exposure to space radiation. He has also explored the possibility that water ice could be hiding below the surface of asteroid 4 Vesta.

Nature Presentation At Greenbelt Park

Greenbelt Park is home to a wide variety of animals in the midst of an urban forest. On Sunday, January 22 a presentation, Urban Forest Wildlife, will be given about the characteristics and needs of birds and small animals. Meet at the Ranger Station classroom at 10 a.m.

Explorations Unlimited New Year Meditation

Explorations Unlimited welcomes Katrina Boverman on Friday, January 20. Boverman will teach simple meditation principles that have been used for centuries as a way of bringing about helpful states of relaxation. Participants will also be led through soothing guided meditations that will help calm their minds and bodies. Please feel free to bring mats, blankets and/or pillows as you are welcome to get comfortable in the chairs or on the floor.

This workshop is also an introduction to Boverman's upcoming SAGE Guided Meditation class which begins on February 15 at the Community Center.

Boverman, a licensed clinical social worker for over 30 years, holds a masters degree in Applied Healing Arts, which blends philosophy, spirituality and psychology. Her private practice in Greenbelt is devoted to empowering, guiding and facilitating personal and professional change, and she has been leading meditation classes in Greenbelt for years.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday beginning at 1 p.m. at the Community Center. This presentation will be held in Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Please call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Beech Tree Puppets Give Performance

Greenbelt puppet company, Beech Tree Puppets, performs "Rainbow Crow Brings Daylight" at the Paint Branch Unitarian Church on Saturday, January 28 at 2 p.m. This show combines two Native American creation tales, from the Lenape and the Inuit tribes. Crow has been revered by many cultures throughout the ages. Follow Crow on his journey to the Sky Spirit, as he brings fire to earth and saves the other animals. For ages 4 through 104. Show duration 45 minutes. Admission free, donations are welcome.

Blood Donations

Red Cross issued an emergency call for blood and platelet donations during the severe winter blood shortage. Blood donations are needed now to prevent delays in care for patients.

Hectic holiday schedules for many regular blood donors contributed to about 37,000 fewer donations in November and December than what was needed. Currently, blood and platelet donations are being distributed to hospitals faster than they are coming in.

To help, schedule an appointment to donate by using the free Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

There will be a blood drive at the Greenbelt Community Center on January 20 from 12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Events at MakerSpace

Thursday, January 19: Minecraft Club from 7 to 8 p.m.

Friday, January 20: Open Projects.

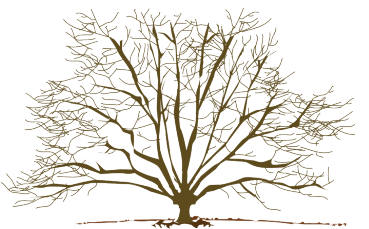
Saturday, January 21: Repair Café and Fun Drive (Bring us your broken items and we'll try to help you repair them. Bring us your unbroken household items and clothing and we'll take them to Value Village as a fundraiser for the MakerSpace.)

Sunday, January 22: Animation Meetup from 2 to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, January 24: Chess Club from 7 to 9 p.m.

Historical Inaugurals At Greenbelt Park

On Saturday, January 21, 10 a.m. at Greenbelt Park hear excerpts from famous inaugural speeches and explore the history of Inauguration Day for the American president. A peaceful transfer of executive power with the swearing of an oath, a speech and parade down Pennsylvania Avenue, the presidency changes hands with pomp and ceremony as the president-elect assumes the office from the departing incumbent. Meet at the Ranger Station Classroom.



GHI Notes

Thursday January 19, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room

Monday January 23, 7 p.m., Communications Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby

Tuesday January 24, 7 p.m., Audit Committee Meeting, Board Room

Wednesday January 25, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee Meeting, Board Room

Friday January 27, Office Closed. Emergency Maintenance Service available at 301-474-6011

Sunday January 29, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., GHI Town Hall Meeting, Greenbelt Fire Department

Tuesday January 31, 8:30 a.m., Yardlines Committee Meeting, Board Room

GAC Presents Visit From Scarface

The year is 1932 and the famous Hollywood writer Ben Hecht has just finished his screenplay for a movie produced by Howard Hughes called Scarface, loosely based on the real life story of Al Capone. Hecht's agent shows up at his Hollywood apartment to get the script but it's missing. Capone has sent a couple of his associates to have a little "talk" about the script with Ben. The action and dialogue fly faster than bullets as Hecht tries to get the script back while dodging the gangsters, his agent, a blond starlet, a woman from the movie censor board, a drunk neighbor and the house detective.

GAC will offer this unique, fast-paced comedy, written by V. Cate and Duke Ernsberger and directed by Keith Brown, on Fridays and Saturdays, January 20, 21, 27, 28, February 3, 4, 10, 11 at 8 p.m., and on Sunday matinees January 29 and February 5 at 2 p.m.


To buy tickets, contact boxgac@gmail.com.

More Community Events
are located throughout the paper.

Greenbelt Arts Center

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A VISIT FROM SCARFACE



Jan 20, 21, 27, 28, Feb 3, 4, 10, 11 at 8PM
Jan 29 and Feb 5 at 2PM

Ticket prices: \$22 General Admission,
\$20 Students/Seniors/Military,
\$12 Youth (12 and under with adult)

COMING SOON

TRIBUTE AUDITIONS – Jan 30 - 31 – to be at the Greenbelt Arts Center
The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee – Mar 3 - 25 –
Directed by Jeffrey Lesniak, Choreographed by Rikki Howie Lacewell
Tribute – Apr 21 - May 13 – Directed by Gayle Negri
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For information & reservations, call 301-441-8770 or
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Obituaries

Joan Janet Lloyd

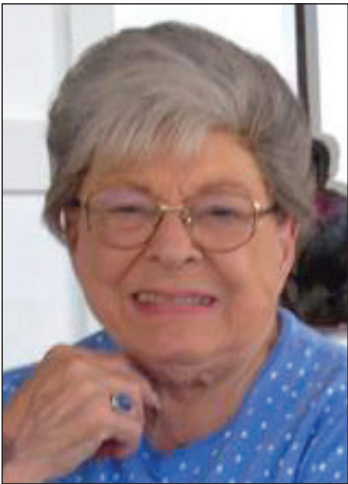


PHOTO BY JAMES LLOYD

Joan Lloyd

Joan Janet Lloyd, 82, of Hollywood, Maryland (formerly of Greenbelt) died January 14, 2017, at her home surrounded by her family.

She was born on February 5, 1934, in Washington, D.C. to the late Maj. Robert Thompson (USAF) and Vivian Hildebrand Thompson. Her family was one of the original Greenbelt families, as they moved to Greenbelt in 1938.

On February 7, 1954, Joan married Harold E. Lloyd, in Mount Rainier. Together they celebrated over 63 years of marriage.

She was employed as a dedicated secretary for the State of Maryland for many years until her retirement. She was an avid reader, enjoyed completing the daily crossword puzzles and was an excellent cook. She enjoyed crocheting and made many beautiful afghans, some of which won first place ribbons at the St. Mary's County Fair. She enjoyed travelling, especially to Florida to visit family. She and her husband took a month-long trip across the country, ending at the Grand Canyon. Her family was her first priority and she loved spending her time with them, especially her grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Lloyd is survived by her son, James Robert Lloyd (Nikki) of Hollywood; her brothers, Robert Thompson (Susan) and Richard Thompson (Ellen), both of Claremont, Fla.; her grandchildren Brian and Jolyn Lloyd of Hollywood and many other family and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Reverend Walter Tappe on Monday, January 23 at 11 a.m. at St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church in Greenbelt. Interment will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Mary's, P.O. Box 625, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Condolences to the family may be made at brinsfieldfuneral.com.

Colleen June Shafer

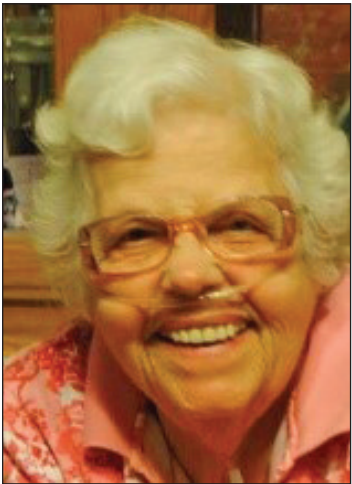


PHOTO BY TED SHAFER

Colleen June Shafer

Colleen June Shafer died January 14, 2017, from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in Lincoln, Nebraska. She was born May 11, 1928, in Naponee, Neb. to Theodore and Orthamae Varwig. She was married to Jerry W. Shafer from December 25, 1949, until his death on May 11, 2012.

Colleen and Jerry lived in Greenbelt for about two decades until he was transferred with his job to Georgia. Both were enthusiastic about youth sports, especially baseball, and she strongly supported Jerry's work coaching a team in the Greenbelt Youth Baseball League. She valued the many friends she made while living in Greenbelt and considered it the place where she raised her children. Her children attained degrees from Towson University, Johns Hopkins University and the University of Maryland.

She is survived by their two sons, Kirk Shafer and Ted Shafer, daughter Paula, her granddaughters, Gabrielle and Danielle Shafer of College Park, and her sister Jean Hays of Holdrege, Neb.

A memorial service will be held in the spring at a time and place to be determined. Anyone wishing to honor or memorialize Colleen is asked to donate to Greenbelt Youth Baseball, P.O. Box 1621, Greenbelt, MD, 20768.



Greenbelters on Vacation: The Options Abound

by Spokeky Chaingear

This is the time of year when many Greenbelters suffer from cabin fever. The vacation itch then overtakes them and they are induced to plan a trip. For some the beach has allure – toasting in the sun with sand between their toes while idly studying a yellow cocktail umbrella rotating between thumb and forefinger. Others head off on cruises – tossing fitfully about (oh-oh!) on the ocean blue with optional zip lines, wave pools (really? – waves on waves?), excursions and lots to eat. There's also the European river trip option. A couple of weeks in a long sleek riverboat being plied with delicious foods and with a bus in every port to whisk you off to the next European gem of a palace, monastery, windmill, art gallery, renaissance doohickey or sumptuous garden. At least there's no waves. And of course, there's always the RV tour, the bus tour, the car tour, the cabin in the mountains and the well-known beach vacation. A great time is had by all – and everybody is five pounds heavier.

For at least one Greenbelt couple, nothing so comfy awaits. There's a very real possibility of sheep poop, downpours, steep grades, thunder and lightning. There's a notable likelihood of being lost, wet, cold and somewhat the worse for wear – some-

times very much the worse for wear.

For over two decades, Greenbelt's Meetres have gone every summer on a self-inflicted, independently disorganized bike tour – usually in Europe. They pick a country, a series of destinations or a theme, do their homework and take their bikes with them on the plane. Before the airlines got so grasping about baggage, it used to be easier. They could take their bikes a little bit apart and take them as a piece of checked baggage – using the boxes that bike shops receive new bikes in. Recent advances in air travel restrict the international economy traveler (and the Meetres are stoutly steerable) to a single free bag. Undeterred, they bought folding bikes, each of which packs into a large but legal suitcase.

This is all very well but what to do with the suitcases – especially if you're not doing a circular route? While Bike Friday – purveyor of their bikes – has a trailer for towing the suitcase behind, it seems a bit clumsy. After twice sending their empty suitcases by mail to their destination city, only to have them disappear completely en route, the Meetres have given up on suitcases and now take their bikes in big zip-up bike bags with some bubble wrap and a couple of pieces of

PVC pipe for the tricky bits. So far, they've done as well with the bags as they did with the suitcases and, in a pinch, they can either wear the bags or pop the bikes in them and hop a train or bus.

As for accommodations, their little tiny tent, sleeping bags and hip-length inflatable pads have kept them more or less warm and dry for the last several years since they began to feel stifled in B&Bs – though seriously inclement weather exerts pressure to compromise. In cities, they usually stay in an apartment for a couple of days (AirBNB, for example) – in the countryside (depending on weather) in the tent in a nicely appointed campground with hot showers and all modern conveniences. The rule is, if already wet and can't get dry – take cover. The sleeping bags, panniers and tent go on the plane as carryon luggage– rolled up elegantly into a big blue IKEA bag taped into a marginally rectangular shape that works in the overhead. As far as clothing goes – not much is taken. Enough layers to stay warm plus undies and socks (one on, one drying, one spare). They note it's a good thing they're moving on all the time. Laundromats are their friend – and on a number

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The News Review offers its condolences to friends and family of Joan Janet Lloyd, 82, of Hollywood who died January 14, 2017. She moved into Greenbelt in 1938 as a child of one of its pioneer families.

We also extend our sympathies to the family and friends of Colleen June Shafer, who also died on January 14, 2017. Mrs. Shafer and her husband Jerry (who pre-deceased her) lived here for two decades while their children grew up.



Please share your news for the next Our Neighbors column by sending complete details on your news to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
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www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410
Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor



Worship Service 10 a.m.
Breakfast with Pastor Fay Sunday 8:30.

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Jan 22 10 a.m.
"Love, Love and Love"

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City Notes

A new exhibit in the Community Center Art Gallery features lively and complex modern landscape paintings by Mike McConnell. This show will continue through March.

The Greenbelt Youth Musical is currently in production. Staff are marshaling volunteer support and working to meet the needs of the show, such as more than 120 costumes, multiple sets and props.

GAIL

The GAIL Program welcomes seven nursing interns from Washington Adventist University School of Nursing, providing assistance to the Diaper Baby Mobile Wellness Program and the Community Nursing Program.

Beginning Tuesday, January 24, the GAIL Program offers the second round of a free six-week class on smoking cessation at Green Ridge House from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

PGCPS Holds Public Budget Hearing

On Monday, January 23, the Board of Education will hold a public hearing about the proposed budget for the 2017-18 school year. The meeting will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Ernest Everett Just Middle School, 1300 Campus Way North, Mitchellville, MD 20721.



ERHS Shows Talent

On Thursday, January 19, at 7 p.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School presents Roosevelt’s Got Talent, a variety show featuring the students of the school. There is a fee.



Calling Teen Artists

Artists on the Rise, the fifth annual juried teen exhibition, is now open for submissions.

Students in public, private or home school are welcome to enter one piece of original artwork online at montpelierartscenter.submittable.com. There is no entry fee for this competition and awards will be given for first place (\$200), second place (\$150) and third place (\$100).

The submission deadline is Sunday, January 29 at 11:59 p.m.

For more information, download the prospectus or contact Montpelier Arts Center at 301-377-7800 or Montpelier.arts@pgparks.com.

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GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING
Municipal Building, January 23, 2017 – 8:00 p.m.

ORGANIZATION

Call to Order
Roll Call
Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Consent Agenda – Approval of Staff Recommendations (Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by *] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)
Approval of Agenda and Additions

COMMUNICATIONS

- Presentations
- Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)
- * Minutes of Council Meetings
- Administrative Reports
- *Committee Reports

LEGISLATION

- Advisory Committee on Education, Report # 2017-2 (Grant Program – 2016 Final Reports)

OTHER BUSINESS

- Advisory Committee on Education, Report #2017-1 (Grant Proposals – 2017)
- Request to Modify School Boundaries for Greenbelt Station Neighborhood
- State Legislation
- Council Activities
- Council Reports

MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

RFP FOR LAWN MOWING AND LANDSCAPING SERVICES FOR VARIOUS LOCATIONS

The City of Greenbelt has issued an RFP for Lawn Mowing Services for Various Locations. The contractor must currently be in the business of providing lawn and landscaping maintenance services of this type and must have been doing so for a minimum of at least five (5) consecutive years. All applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances and regulations must be adhered to. The deadline for the proposal is Friday, February 3, 2017 at 10am. You may download the proposal at www.greenbeltmd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3625



ELECTRONICS AND PAINT RECYCLING
SATURDAY, JANUARY 28
9am-12noon
Public Works Yard
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Recycle Your Old Computers and Other Electronics!
Accepted items include: TVs, CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptops, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, fax machines, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, batteries taped on one end. ALSO, expanded polystyrene (block “Styrofoam” #6) NO Cups, egg cartons or food trays.
PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE IF YOU HAVE ITEMS OVER 50 LBS.

PAINT RECYCLING: DO NOT mix paint in other containers. In order for paint to be properly used, the contents on the inside need to match the label on the outside. Cost—\$5 per container. Collected by Yuck Old Paint.
Info: Greenbelt Sustainability Office, 240-542-2153

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Residents seeking a pass must show proof of residency (State issued photo ID or current lease with a valid Greenbelt address).
For more information about Shuttle-UM visit: <http://www.transportation.umd.edu/schedules.html>

MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 23-27

Monday, January 23 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv*

Tuesday, January 24 at 6:00pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION-Principals’ Meeting** at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

Tuesday, January 24 at 7:30pm, **Green ACES/GREEN TEAM** at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the agenda: Presentation from the Advisory Planning Board (APB) on the Detailed Site Plan (DSP) for Greenbelt Station North Core/ Metro Parking and Updates from Sustainability Framework / Green Team Circles.*

Wednesday, January 25 at 7:30pm, **FOUR CITIES MEETING**, at College Park City Hall.

Thursday, January 26 at 7:00pm, **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD** at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. *On the agenda: Discussion on AMT Forest Preserve Health Assessment – Goals and Recommendations – members bring first draft of M&M Guidelines modified with AMT suggestions*

The schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.



WELCOME RECEPTION FOR GREENBELT’S NEW CITY MANAGER, NICOLE ARD
Monday, January 23 at 7:00pm
Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Council Room
Join the City Council in welcoming Greenbelt’s new City Manager. Open to all. Refreshments will be served.

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS BOARD IS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!

Several vacancies exist on the Employee Relations Board. If you are interested, please submit an application available on the City’s website at www.greenbeltmd.gov/index.aspx?NID=144, or contact Cindy Murray, City Clerk at cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov or 301-474-8000.
Human Resource or Legal Experience is preferred, but not required.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Employee Relations Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board and Youth Advisory Committee.
For information on how to apply contact 301-474-8000.

Greenbelt CARES presents
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Mondays from January 23-March 27
7-8:15pm Adults ages 18+
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GREENBELT SENIOR MOBILITY SURVEY

The City of Greenbelt is conducting a study that will help senior and residents with disabilities live longer in their homes by removing barrier to mobility and improving transportation options. Please complete the survey and help us identify key areas where these populations are underserved. The survey is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GreenbeltSeniorSurvey> and in Spanish at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SpanishSrTransp>
The survey will be available until February 10th. If you do not have access to the electronic version, you may pick up a paper version at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road; the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road on the second floor; or on the Greenbelt Connection Bus.
Paper surveys can be returned to: SURVEY at the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770.
Contact Christal Batey at GAIL with questions about this survey, 240-542-2012 or email cbatey@greenbeltmd.gov.

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of occasions they have washed all their gear while wearing only their rain suits.

What about safety? Helmets, of course, and a significant attempt to avoid riding on roads as much as possible. Many European countries either have separate bike lanes or dedicated lanes for bikes and there are many opportunities that arise from tow paths and other traditionally non-car options. England is particularly rich in off-road bike opportunities – with the historic bridle trails lacing the country. These lanes and tracks were originally designed for horses but work splendidly for the biker. It’s not mountain biking (mostly) but it can be muddy, steep or a bit treacherous. Imagine the possibility of cycling from the west to the east coast of England with only about 10% of the distance on roads – and most of those very quiet. It is at least as safe to ride a bike anywhere in Europe as it is here – more so, in fact. Even such fabled crazy driving places as Italy are very courteous to cyclists because cycling is a valued part of the culture. And if you do get hurt, the hospitals and emergency services will take good care of what’s left of you. Elsewise, there will be a corner of this foreign field that shall be forever Greenbelt.

Fitness is an issue the first few days, especially if only a light (or zero) training regime has been followed. But by ramping up ahead of time and taking it

fairly easy at first, even a sedentary person can cover first 10, then 20 and then more miles. The Meetres aim to average about 25 miles per day, and while real cyclists would sniff at such a pokey pace, our travelers are not especially young, they want to actually see the places they’re riding through, they’re likely off road, their packs weigh quite a bit and they have absolutely nothing to prove. The cycling itself is not the point.

To get through boring bits or into center cities without cycling through endless suburbs, take a train. Most commuter trains take bikes during non rush-hours. On express trains there may be restrictions so check ahead on the web for bike rules. London, for example, is easily accessible by suburban train but also, by riding along the Thames or through the parks, can be approached almost car free. Many European cities have extensive bike infrastructure (including London) with off-road and signposted routes within the central areas. Try riding early Sunday morning in Paris.

Unlike the tour packages that include endless meals (designed, perhaps, to anesthetize), the cyclist gets to forage the countryside. Spending umpteen calories a day walking their bike up hills, they have healthy appetites and can eat pretty much what they like and still lose weight. No guilt and there’s Italy, there’s

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PHOTO BY CATHIE MEETRE

In Reykjavik, Iceland, cyclist Rick merges with the locals.



PHOTO BY SHALOM FISHER

Skunk cabbage, photographed growing at the edge of the lake in late December, shows that plant life is alive and well even during winter. The skunk cabbage generates heat to enable its leaves and flowers to survive in the winter frosts.

Gettting Ready For the March



PHOTO BY KAREN YOH0

Karen Yoho models her pink pussy hat, a design that went viral on the internet. Shops have run out of pink yarn.

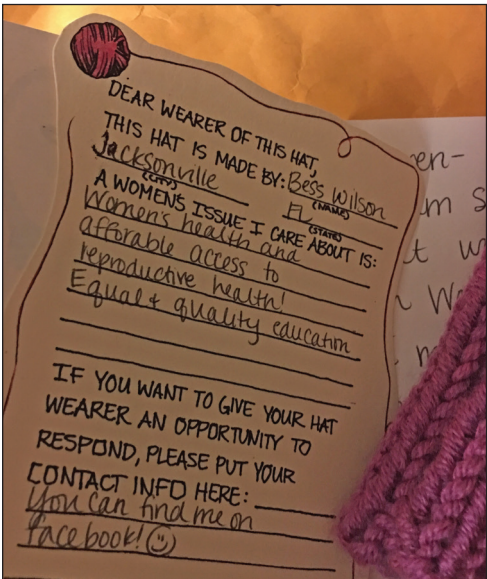


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Hats bought on the internet contain a message showing the reasons the person made it.

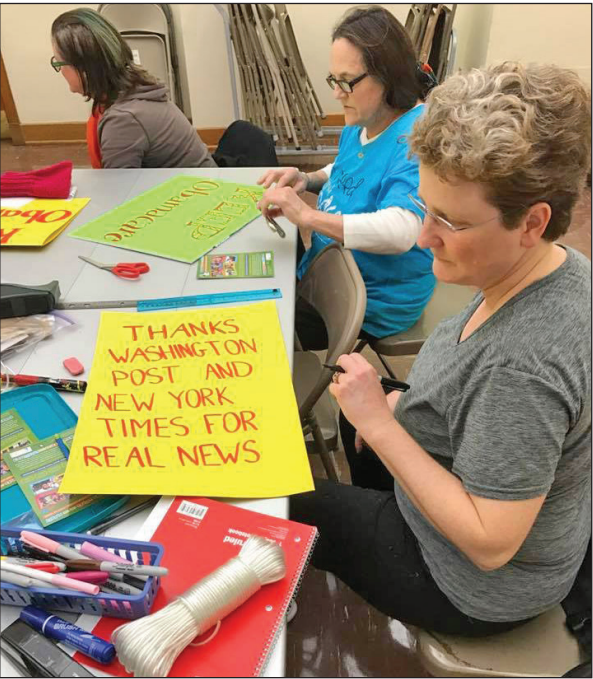


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Laura Beckert prepares signs for the Women's March on January 21.

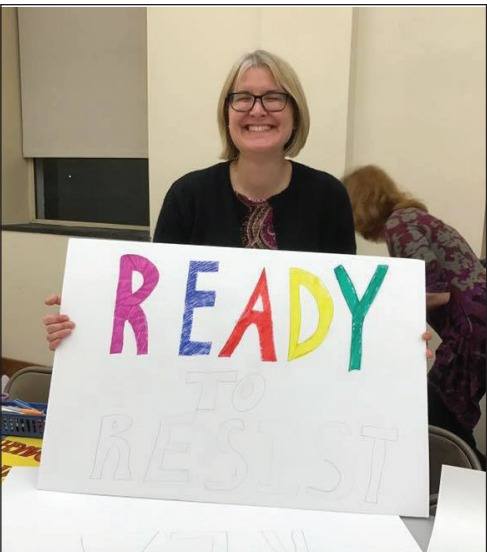




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Rachel Alexander works on a poster to read Ready to Resist.

At the March or the Inauguration?



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the city’s needs. Taser is the only vendor that supplies a plan with unlimited storage, which is desirable in part because the city does not yet know how much it will use. A nearby jurisdiction had shared its experience with having to increase its storage mid-stream because the state increased the time period during which complaints may be brought against officers. The city’s information technology director also advised that the cost at which Taser will do this is less than it would cost the city to do it.

Also important to police departments is that the Taser platform allows for easier redaction and sharing of videos in response, for example, to federal or state public information requests. Equipment and software will be updated halfway through the contract period. Existing systems in Greenbelt’s department will also be integrated into Taser’s system, which will reduce the officers’ workload.

The plan is to provide cameras for 48 officers with patrol duties. In addition, Taser will provide for each of these officers a Taser X26, which is the “less than lethal” equipment usually associated with the Taser name. The city’s department has used Tasers with success. Its existing ones would need to be replaced at some time during the camera contract period, and doing it as part of the camera contract will save considerable expense.

Councilmember Roberts said he would prefer that there be a method for automatic turn-on of the cameras rather than reliance on an officer’s remembering to do it. Sgt. Tim White, who was

director of the project, said they were open to working with technology that could do that in the future, but their immediate goal was to train officers to be highly conscious of the need to do it themselves on a reliable basis before attempting to automate it.

Resident Colin Byrd was critical of the decision not to go to bid, but councilmembers agreed with the police department that in this instance they had done due diligence and produced much more useful information than would have come in via bids.

According to Major Thomas Kemp, who is acting police chief, the police department is very pleased that the use of cameras will soon be implemented in Greenbelt. He said they are expected to benefit from both transparency and good will.

Immigration Exhibit At Montpelier

The Montpelier Mansion in Laurel is hosting the exhibit Barriers and Gateways. This exhibit was originally created in 2010 as a companion to the Smithsonian traveling exhibit, Between Fences. Barriers and Gateways explores the experience of three major waves of immigrants in Maryland history: those from the British Isles who came to seek opportunity as indentured servants, Africans who were forced into slavery and Europeans escaping war, discrimination and poverty.

Call 301-377-7817; TTY 301-699-2544 or visit montpelier-mansion@pgparks.com for more information.

Botanic Garden Offers Backstage Pass

On Wednesday, January 25 from 10:30 a.m. to noon, go behind the scenes on a guided highlights tour of the U.S. Botanic Garden Production Facility. Featuring almost two acres of greenhouses, this facility is the largest support facility for a public garden in the U.S. Explore unique and unusual plants from the USBG collection and witness gardeners and horticulturists in action. Note that this is a working greenhouse facility, and as such some rooms may not be available for viewing due to horticultural need. Wear comfortable shoes, bring water and dress in layers, as greenhouse bays may become quite warm. Directions to the facility can be found with the online listing.

While this tour is free, pre-registration is required. Visit USBG.gov/Programs to register.

Snippets from the Past

Inflation’s Here! Junior’s Haircuts Upped To 50¢

Children’s haircuts will cost 50 cents starting next Monday, the Board of Directors of Greenbelt Consumer Services decided at a special board meeting held April 8. This makes haircuts the same price for both children and adults. The action was considered necessary in order to retain the services of barbers here in Greenbelt and to make it possible to hire another barber.

From the barbers’ viewpoint it’s just as difficult to cut a child’s hair as an adult’s. The price differential which has existed before is not justified they feel.

The Barber Shop is open daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. It has been suggested that, for the sake of the men of Greenbelt, no children’s haircuts be given after 5 p.m.

This article appeared in the April 16, 1943, issue of the Greenbelt Cooperator.

visit www.greenbeltnewsreview.com

Campaign to Stop the Lakeside North Development Public Awareness Day

Saturday February 11, 2017, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Greenbelt Fire Station at 125 Crescent Road

We believe Council plans to vote on the proposed Lakeside North Development at the Council meeting on Monday, February 13. Council has ignored our petition, asking them to oppose the development and any changes to the zoning of the land that would allow its development.

Therefore, *as a group* we will:

- (1) Present, at the Council meeting on January 23, the 500 signatures collected on our petition
- (2) Voice our opposition to the development at the Council meeting on February 13

The proposed development consists of a 25-story 400 unit luxury high rise apartment complex on 5 acres of forested land adjacent to the Lakeside North Apartments. This land is part of the original green belt. The current apartments are clustered on one side of the property and current zoning regulations require the forested land to remain undeveloped. Therefore the property is fully developed and would need to be rezoned to allow for this development. The proposed development would change the character of our community.

We can stop the proposed development but we need everyone’s help.
Contact our councilmembers:

Emmett Jordan (ejordan@greenbeltmd.gov)
Edward Putens (eputens@greenbeltmd.gov)
Judith Davis (jdavis@greenbeltmd.gov)
Konrad Herling (kherling@greenbeltmd.gov)
Leta Mach (lmach@greenbeltmd.gov)
Rodney Roberts (rroberts@greenbeltmd.gov)
Silke Pope (spope@greenbeltmd.gov)

Send snail mail to 25 Crescent Road Greenbelt, MD 20770

AND

Come to our Public Awareness Day on February 11 to:

- (1) Prepare to voice opposition at the Council meeting on February 13
- (2) Get your free hand fan “STOP Lakeside North Development” or make your own sign
- (3) Get your free button “STOP Lakeside North Development”
- (4) Sign our petition

Contact Brian or Donna Almquist for information at:
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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery
January 8, 12:10 a.m., 6600 block Springcrest Drive. A woman was walking from her vehicle to a residence when a man exited a nearby vehicle, ran up to her and forcibly pulled her purse from her grasp. He then got back into the vehicle he had exited, described as a white mid-size SUV, and fled. Another man was the driver.

January 11, 9:50 a.m., 20 Court Southway. A man entered the lobby of the BP service station, displayed a knife and announced a robbery. The cashier was able to flee, at which time the man fled in a vehicle described as a 4-door 2003 Acura. Nothing was taken. He is described as black, in his mid-30s, 6' to 6'2", 200 to 220 pounds, wearing khaki pants, a dark burgundy or brown parka with a hood and black gloves.

Assault
January 4, 4 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road. A teen walking home from school was pushed to the ground from behind and assaulted by as many as six others, who punched and kicked her several times and then fled. She refused treatment for minor injuries.

January 7, 6:15 p.m., 11 Crescent Road. A man walking from the Greenbelt Library was pushed from behind, fell and injured his face and arm. He was transported to Prince George's Hospital Center for treatment.

January 11, 12:28 a.m., 8100 block Lakecrest Drive. Officers responded to a report of trouble and on arrival were told a man inside an apartment was threatening family members with a handgun. As officers entered the building the man exited the apartment, went to the parking lot and stole a marked police cruiser. He was stopped near Greenbelt and Mandan Roads, started to exit the cruiser, then reentered it and attempted to flee. He struck another marked police vehicle in the process and had to be forcibly removed from the stolen vehicle with the assistance of a police canine. The K-9 officer was injured during the attempt to place the man into custody. The 20-year-old resident was transported to Washington Adventist Hospital for treatment of his injuries and an emergency psychological evaluation. The K-9 officer was treated at the same hospital and released. Criminal charges are pending. A handgun was recovered by a resident in the yard of a nearby residence.

Theft
January 5, 8 a.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. An unattended laptop was taken from Starbucks coffee shop on December 15. No reason was given for the delay in reporting the theft.

Burglary
January 5, 11:15 a.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. A 30-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with first degree burglary, theft and two counts of second degree assault after he allegedly climbed onto the balcony of a residence and attempted to force open the balcony door. He fled and then took a parcel package from the stoop

of another residence. Residents followed him, and he was arrested after being positively identified by the homeowner. He then began banging his head on the interior of the police cruiser and spit on two officers. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

January 10, 6:23 p.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway. A residence was entered, possibly by forcing open the front door. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

January 11, 11:52 p.m., 6500 block Lake Park Drive. A residence was entered by prying open the front door. Two televisions, two laptop computers and eyeglasses were taken.

Vehicle Crime
A white 4-door 2014 Ford Focus with Md. tags 7CL6604 was taken from the 8000 block Mandan Road on January 9.

Two Md. tags were stolen on January 5. A front tag was taken from the 9100 block Edmonston Road and a rear tag, Md. 6BH6318, was taken from the 6000 block Greenbelt Road.

Two handicap placards were taken, both on January 10, both in the 8000 block Mandan Road and both after windows had been broken.

Three tires on one vehicle were slashed in the 8200 block Canning Terrace.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter.
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T-Rex
T-Rex is a Small Business Administration (SBA) certified small and HUBZone business. As such, 35 percent of its operations need to be located in designated HUBZones to further economic development and provide jobs to low income areas. While the company's Greenbelt locations are not within a HUBZone, it has an operational center in College Park and one in Jacksonville, Florida which are. Further, Murphy believes many of the new Greenbelt employees will live within HUBZones.

The company began five years ago with 25 employees and is now a \$30 million company with 300 employees doing contract work for nine federal agencies, Anne Arundel County and a variety of corporations. It won an almost \$900 million contract with the Census Bureau last year to develop an IT process for the 2020 Census that will be interactive and on the Web. The contract is for five years with a two-year extension.

Murphy and Howe consider Greenbelt to be a great location because of its proximity to the Melford Office Park off Maryland Route 50 in Bowie, where the Census Data Center is, and Suitland, where the bureau's headquarters are. They were fortunate to find so much space available in one location. Originally, the company was to lease only one building, but the Census Bureau wished to place employees there as well, so both buildings were leased.

By the end of January, Murphy expects to have 266 employees at Ora Glen. Eventually there will be at least 500 and possibly up to 650 employees. A total in excess of 800 persons could be working at the two buildings, according to Howe, taking into consideration Census Bureau and contract workers.

Parking
There are 430 parking spaces at Ora Glen, of which 90 are underground, Murphy said. When the building was previously leased to Lockheed Martin, there was insufficient space for the employees and some had to park on

Ora Glen Drive. Howe was one of those who did and he does not wish to see T-Rex employees having to navigate through snow and ice to vehicles parked there.

Accommodating employees will be accomplished in several ways. First, there will be about 200 contract employees from the Boston area that will be here Sunday evening to Thursday afternoon, flying down and staying at nearby hotels, "Ubering to work," Murphy said. Arrangements also have been made to use a portion of the Maryland Trade Center 3 parking lot across the street. The company will provide shuttle bus service between Ora Glen and the Greenbelt Metro with added stops for the Metro bus at Ora Glen Drive and Greenbelt Road, the satellite parking lot at Maryland Trade Center 3 and Greenway Center, enabling employees to shuttle to the center to pick up lunch, he said. Initially, work hours will be between 6 to 7 a.m. and 6 to 7 p.m., but could eventually become an all-week, around-the-clock operation.

In response to a question raised by Councilmember Judith Davis, Murphy said bicycle users could safely store their bikes in a breezeway connecting the two buildings. Davis suggested that the company get some city bicycle route maps to provide to interested employees.

Shaw told council he liked the company's business approach. He saw potential for it to enter contracts with other federal agencies as well.

No Trespass
With the Ora Glen facility vacant, neighboring residents had been cutting through its parking lots to go to the Post Office or

access the adjacent stormwater retention pond. Howe said there were also visitors to the parking lot, which is partially hidden from street view, who were there for unseemly purposes. No more. The government contract requires the company to provide Level 2 security for its employees and access is now limited to authorized personnel with gates into the parking areas now guarded. As of this month, the guards will carry firearms to satisfy Census Bureau protection requirements for its employees. Also, fencing will be installed between the facility and adjacent townhomes.

Initial enforcement of the restrictions resulted in the city receiving at least one complaint from a resident about the restriction and a guard the resident encountered. Howe has been in contact with Captain Tom Mooreland of the Greenbelt police to discuss policing and security issues.


Fracas at ERHS After Bowie Game

After the home team beat the Bowie High School Bulldogs 45-38 in basketball on Friday, January 13, Eleanor Roosevelt High School was the scene of an altercation between students and fans of the arch-rival teams.

Police responded to prevent escalation of what turned out to be "just school rivalry," reported Greenbelt Police Department press liaison George Mathews, who characterized the situation as merely "after-game push and shove."

"It was a big game," Mathews said. "A lot of people were there, and passions were running high."

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MakerSpace Becomes The Newest Cooperative

by George Boyce

Just over four years ago, Eva Fallon and George Boyce were having dinner on the patio at the New Deal Café. Summer was coming to an end and the couple was exhausted from searching the Greenbelt area for a facility to convert into an engineering lab, primarily to support a new high school robotics team.

They had several good leads on space, including the former post office, the old middle school, and several dilapidated buildings. But then they saw the big yellow banner across the plaza . . . the dry cleaning store was not just having a slow day, it had been abandoned by the former tenant. What a great location!

Still, they clearly had a few issues to resolve. The space was too small, about half of what they needed. While not big enough to be a full engineering lab, it was a good size for a multipurpose activity center. The rent was for a retail location, so it would be double that of other locations. But the math worked out to keep the annual cost of the facility within the budget range of their private foundation.

Two problems remained. Did the couple have the skill, energy and budget to rehab a dry cleaning store into a “makerspace?” And once built, would the community understand the mission, vision and business model of the facility to stand behind and support the effort? Four years later, the answer to both questions is an unmitigated “Yes!” With more than a thousand people following news via email and social media, the MakerSpace facility and its robust schedule of unique activities and special events has

become a cornerstone of the Roosevelt Center, in the heart of Historic Old Greenbelt.

With initial costs and start-up jitters behind them, Eva and George are now ready to pass ownership and management of the facility to a new team. “We always intended the MakerSpace to be a community resource, and we operated it to meet the needs of those early brave souls who ventured in and asked what they could do here,” says George. With a clear mission, a bright vision for the future and a sustainable operating budget, he says now is the right time to transition to a member-owned cooperative as the perfect business structure.

As a cooperative, the MakerSpace is still a unique organization. Operating as a charity for the benefit of the public, the non-profit MakerSpace will be owned and managed by members of the local community who embrace the mission “to provide safe and convenient facilities, equipped with tools and resources, where we offer education and training using the hands-on approach of the maker movement.”

The founding meeting for cooperative members, to adopt operating bylaws and elect a board of directors, is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Sunday, January 29, at the MakerSpace located at 125 Centerway. More information is available on the make125.org website and on the makerspace125 Facebook page. The public is invited to attend and explore opportunities to become member-owners, volunteer supporters and patrons of Greenbelt’s newest co-op, the Greenbelt MakerSpace Cooperative.



Community members enjoy the Mini Makers Faire in 2014.



The Magnolia Elementary School Robotics team poses at the Mini Makers Faire in 2014.

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Tree Protection Volunteer Event at Buddy Attick Park

by Erin Josephitis

The Department of Public Works and the Greenbelt Forest Stewardship Project sponsored a tree protection volunteer event in Buddy Attick Park on Monday, January 16 in honor of Martin Luther King (MLK), Jr. Day. A group of 42 volunteers and three Public Works employees made it a day on, not a day off, by contributing to the National Day of Service at Buddy Attick Park. This service-learning opportunity brought individuals, families, and volunteer groups of all ages and backgrounds together to make a positive impact on the environment by protecting trees from beaver herbivory and English ivy takeover.

Volunteers met inside of the Public Works Department for orientation. Connor Roessler, Chesapeake Conservation Corps Member, kicked off the event by describing the legacy of MLK Jr. and volunteer roles in coexisting with beavers. Beavers are famously busy. They are second only to humans in their ability to manipulate and change their environment. The City of Greenbelt coexists with beavers by protecting slow-growth native trees and leaving nonnative trees uncaged for use as a food source and building material for lodges. Beavers are a keystone species by maintaining habitats that are relied on by many others. For example, beavers create standing dead wood that is inhabited by insects, and in turn attracts bird life.

Roessler’s presentation also covered the importance of liberating trees from invasive species. English ivy (*Hedera helix*) is native to Europe and was introduced into North America

by early settlers for ornamental purposes. It grows both along the ground, where it can displace native understory species, and in the tree canopy, often covering branches and harming trees.

Once the orientation was over, volunteers walked to the shoreline of Greenbelt Lake for a tree caging demonstration led by Brian Townsend, horticulture supervisor. Then, tools and equipment were distributed so volunteers could start protecting trees. An estimated 50 trees were protected from beavers by volunteers placing wire caging around the trunks. Ten of those tree trunks were re-caged to make available space for tree growth and expansion. About 45 trees were liberated from English ivy using hand shears. Participants reflected that they enjoyed learning, working together as a team, and making a positive impact on the environment in honor of the MLK, Jr. National Day to Serve.

The City of Greenbelt Department of Public Works and the Greenbelt Forest Stewardship Project thanks Bagel Place of College Park for donating bagels. Special thanks to the Islamic Relief USA volunteer group for participating in the City of Greenbelt MLK Jr. Day of Service for the second year in a row. The importance of volunteers cannot be understated as they play a key role in caring for our remnant woods.

The next tree protection volunteer event will take place on Presidents Day, Monday, February 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Buddy Attick Park. Meet at Public Works for orientation. Dress warmly and wear clothes you don’t mind getting dirty. RSVP at signupgenius.com/go/409084fa4ad2ba3f58-city3. Contact Connor Roessler at croessler@greenbeltmd.gov or 240-542-2150 for more information.



Volunteers unload tree caging at the lake.



Volunteers pose for a group picture after assisting in beaver and ivy protection at the lake.

Photos by Erin Josephitis

VACATION continued from page 7

France. Haggis, anybody?

One other aspect of cycling abroad is that the local people are kind and they are interested. Instead of riding through the local environs looking through the windows of a car as into a fish tank or zoo, the cyclist is at one with the local culture. Passersby take the opportunity to remark on the bikes, offer advice – sometimes issuing invitations to camp in their garden or share a lemonade. Train personnel are remarkably indulgent about assisting cyclists and hospitality industry personnel always seem willing to go the extra mile to keep bikes out of the rain. Bikes appear to bring out the best in everybody. The Meetres keep a log of kindnesses and, though perhaps it is merely a reflection on how pathetic they look, it is remarkable how often

people just walk up and offer directions or hints, comment on bikes – or just smile encouragingly.

What’s the moral of all this? Perhaps that vacations don’t have to come in a hermetically sealed package. That half the fun is truly in getting there. That with a little imagination and industry, a perfectly viable expedition can be accomplished by older suburban adults who have a dash of adventurous spirit, less than Olympian physiques and (possibly) not very much sense – and all at a fraction of the price of an organized and supported tour.


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